



September 16, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation in MB Docket No. 16-41 *Promoting the Availability of Diverse and Independent Sources of Video Programming*, and MB Docket No. 16-161 *Revision to the Public Inspection File Requirements – Broadcasters Correspondence File and Cable Principal Headend Location*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 14, 2016, Jessica J. González and I of the National Hispanic Media Coalition met with Gigi Sohn, Jessica Almond, and Stephen Klein from the Chairman's office about the Commission's Notice of Inquiry and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above-referenced proceedings.

Ms. González urged the Chairman's office to support the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for diverse and independent programming that includes questions about whether the Commission itself has engaged in past conduct that has perpetuated racism and sexism, and stymied diverse programmers in the market, leading to present-day conditions in which women and people of color are vastly underrepresented as programmers and content creators.

Also, Ms. González discussed that NHMC strongly opposes the Commission's tentative conclusion in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to eliminate the correspondence folder from broadcasters' public inspection file.¹ The correspondence folder contains letters and

¹ See, e.g., Comments of the National Hispanic Media Coalition at 3, MB Dkt. No. 16-161, filed July 22, 2016, available at <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10723041968702/NHMC%20Comments%20in%2016-161.pdf>; Reply Comments of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Center of Media Justice, Common Cause, Communications Workers of America, Free Press, and Public Knowledge, MB Dkt. No. 16-161, filed Aug. 22, 2016 available at <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10822001254275/Reply%20Comments%20in%2016-161.pdf>.



emails from the public and remains an incredibly important tool for members of the community to hold their local broadcasters accountable. NHMC advised that the Commission preserve this vital resource.

I respectfully submit this notice of ex parte presentation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Carmen Scurato

Policy Counsel

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Jessica Almond